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SUBJECT:WMO ACCEPTANCE OF THE JIU STATUTE

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1. APPRECIATE INFO IN REFTEL A AND RECEIPT OF WMO DOCUMENT (EC-XXIX/DOC.63) CONCERNING STATUTE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (JIU). USDEL AT MEETING OF WMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD ACCEPT NEW JIU STATUTE, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS IN REF B. IN CONSIDERING TROUBLESOME POINTS RAISED IN WMO DOCUMENT, USDEL SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING.

2. WE NOTE THE SECRETARIAT'S CONCERN IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE DOCUMENT THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE CONVENTION OR GENERAL REGULATIONS OF WMO FOR THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 1.2 OF THE JIU STATUTE WHICH WOULD MAKE THE JIU QUOTE RESPONSIBLE UNQUOTE TO THE UNGA AND THE COMPETENT LEGISLATIVE ORGANS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND A QUOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBSIDIARY ORGAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES UNQUOTE OF THE UN SYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS. THE FACT THERE IS NO SUCH SPECIFIC PROVISION IN THE CONVENTION OR GENERAL REGULATIONS OF WMO DOES NOT, IN OUR OPINION, PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ARRANGEMENTS CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 1.2 OF THE JIU STATUTE. ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONVENTION, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE CONGRESS MAY TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS AFFECTING

THE ORGANIZATION, IS SUFFICIENT TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE JIU STATUTE, INCLUDING ARTICLE 1.2.

3. WE NOTE THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION IN PARAS. 5, 8 AND 9 THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE JIU CAN BE DECIDED ONLY BY THE WMO CONGRESS AND THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD DECIDE THAT WMO SHOULD CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH JIU ON A DE FACTO BASIS. IF THIS ISSUE SHOULD ARISE, USDEL MAY SUPPORT DE FACTO COLLABORATION WITH THE JIU. USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD DELAY FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JIU AND WMO UNTIL A DECISION BY THE WMO CONGRESS.

4. WE NOTE THE SECRETARIAT'S REFERENCE (PARA. 6) TO THE COMMENTS OF THE ACC PREPARATORY COMMITTEE CONCERNING ARTICLE 11.4C OF THE STATUTE WHICH DEALS WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORTS BY THE AGENCIES TO ALL MEMBERS. IF THIS ISSUE SHOULD ARISE, THE USDEL SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE BELIEVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITHIN THE JIU STATUTE FOR A SINGLE GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORTS.

5. WE NOTE THE SECRETARIAT'S CONCERN (PARA. 7 OF THE WMO DOCUMENT AND PARA. 4 OF REFTTEL A) REGARDING ADDED COSTS AND WORK LOAD ON THE SECRETARIAT RESULTING FROM ACCEPTANCE OF THE JIU STATUTE. IF THESE ISSUES SHOULD ARISE, THE USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WHILE COSTS OF THE JIU WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY, THE COSTS OF EVALUATION PROCEDURES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM OVERALL STILL WILL

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REMAIN RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT IN RELATION TO THE NEED. WE BELIEVE THAT INCREASED EXPENDITURES WOULD BE MONEY WELL SPENT IF WE CAN ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE EVALUATION. WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE JIU THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE ITSELF IN THIS FIELD. VANCE

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